



## **State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners**

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### **REGULAR MEETING**

**August 22, 2007**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Board Members Present:**

Della Estrada, L.Ac., Chairman  
Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H), Professional Member  
Ross Adelman, Public Member  
Michael J. Robb, D.C., Professional Member  
Toni Bennalley, L.Ac., Professional Member  
Yong Deng, L.Ac., Professional Member

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Joe Balensi, L.Ac., Secretary  
Toni Karnas, Public Member  
Diane Pruetz, Public Member

#### **Attorney General Representative:**

Seth Hargraves

#### **Administrative Staff:**

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Estrada called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

#### **II. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

None at this time.

#### **III. Discussion and Approval of Minutes**

Board Member Robb moved the adoption of the minutes for the July 25, 2007 board meeting with Board Member Wilks providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 6-0 vote.

Board Member Robb moved the adoption of the minutes of the July 25, 2007 Executive Session with Board Member Wilks providing a second. The motion was approved 6-0.

#### **IV. Complaints/Investigations**

The Board discussed Complaint #2007-001 re: Andre Zitcer, L.Ac. and the Consent Agreement presented to Mr. Zitcer for consideration.

Mr. David Morrison, legal representative for Mr. Zitcer, addressed the Board on behalf of his client.

Board Member Robb moved the adoption of the Consent Agreement with Board Member Estrada providing a second. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member Robb—Aye  
Board Member Estrada—Aye  
Board Member Adelman—Aye  
Board Member Deng—Aye  
Board Member Wilks—Aye  
Board Member Bernalley—Aye

The motion was approved with a 6 (ayes) and 0 (nays) vote.

#### **V. Applications for Licensure**

Board Member Bernalley moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Deng providing a second. The Board approved the motion with a 6-0 vote.

- A. Elyse Tera
- B. Arthur D. Rapkin

#### **VI. Professional Business**

Presentation on Auricular Acupuncture

Minerva Perez, Auricular Acupuncturist from La Frontera in Tucson, provided the Board with an explanation of acupuncture detoxification services provided by a number of behavioral health organizations in the state.

Board members asked a number of questions on the training provided by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association.

## Sunset Review

Executive Director Gonzalez provided the Board with an update on the upcoming Sunset Review process conducted by the Legislature later in the fall.

## Review of Draft Rule Changes

The Board completed its review of proposed rule changes for submission to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC). The Board instructed the Executive Director to file the required documents to submit for GRRC consideration.

## **VII. Executive Director Report**

The Executive Director presented the Board with a status report on the number of active Licensed Acupuncturists (441) and certified Auricular Acupuncturists (60) in the state. In addition, the License Time Frames Report to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council was submitted as required by A.R.S. §41-0178.

Director Gonzalez informed the Board that 793 individuals visited the Board website during the month of July.

## **VIII. Future Meeting Dates**

September 26, 2007

October 24, 2007

## **IX. Call to the Public**

Ms. Patricia Martin addressed the Board on a number of topics. Ms. Martin spoke on behalf of the Arizona Society of Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture (AzSOMA).

## **X. Discussion of Items to be placed on a future meeting agenda**

The Board requested that a review of the license application process be provided at the next meeting.

## **XI. Adjournment**

Board Member Deng moved for adjournment and Board Member Wilks provided a second. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0. The Board adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Gonzalez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pete" and last name "Gonzalez" clearly distinguishable.

Pete Gonzalez  
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: September 26, 2007